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SUBJECT: ITALIAN SHIP VISITS IN BLACK SEA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (MILESI-FERRETTI) HAS TELEPHONED WITH URGENT REQUEST FOR US POSITION REGARDING TURKISH VIEW THAT CERTAIN GUIDED MISSILE SHIPS OF NON-RIVERAIN STATES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED

FROM PASSING INTO BLACK SEA UNDER THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE MONTREUX CONVENTION.

2. ITALIAN SHIP DORIA, DUE TO DEPART SEPTEMBER 9 FOR VISIT TO ODESSA, USSR, CARRIES TERRIER MISSILES. THE TURKS HAVE REFUSED PERMISSION UNDER MONTREUX CONVENTION SAYING THAT THE MISSILES WERE TOO LARGE BUT THAT A SHIP ARMED WITH SMALLER TARTAR MISSILES COULD BE CLEARED. THE TURKS HAVE TOLD ITALIANS THAT US AND UK ACCEPT TURKISH DETERMINATION ON SUCH VESSELS IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE VALIDITY OF MONTREUX CONVENTION. MILESI-FERRETTI SAID, FROM A LEGAL POINT OF VIEW, TURKISH REFUSAL HAS NO JUSTIFICATION BUT THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND A POLITICAL DETERMINATION IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE CONVENTION AND THUS INHIBIT TO SOME DEGREE SOVIET DEPLOYMENTS THROUGH THE STRAITS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED BY NOON WASHINGTON TIME SEPT. 4 THE AUTHORITATIVE US POSITION WHICH WE CAN PASS TO ITALIANS. THE DEADLINE IS DUE TO FACT THAT ITALIAN NAVY MAY HAVE TO

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